

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 25 are pending in the instant application. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-5, 10, 13-16, 19 and 25 in the instant application. WHEREIN, Claims 6-9, 11-12 and 17-18 remain to be examined. No new matter has been added. No additional claims fee is believed to be due. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the originally filed claims in the future.

Applicants have amended the specification to include a structural formula in the abstract of the disclosure.

Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 10, 13-16, 19 and 25 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. While the Applicant disagrees with the Examiners assertion, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 10, 13-16, 19 and 25.

Examiner has rejected Claims 1-5, 10, 13-19 and 25 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, based on enablement. While the Applicant disagrees with the Examiners assertion, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-5, 10, 13-16, 19 and 25. With respect to method Claims 17-18, Applicants have currently amended Claims 17-18 to recite the specific cancers: ovarian, breast and prostate; as specifically disclosed in Nakatani and Bellacosa. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification on page 2, lines 5-10.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to Claims 17-18 be withdrawn.

Examiner has objected to Claims 6-9 and 11-12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have currently amended Claims 6-9 and 11-12 to revise dependencies. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 6-9 and 11-12 be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully contend that the Examiner's rejections and objections are now moot, and that Claims 4-7, 9-10 and 15-16 are allowable, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a telephonic communication with Applicant's representative will aid in the advancement of the prosecution of this application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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